all time high of $91.12 per barrel on 07.11.2007. The rise in international oil prices can have an inflationary impact on the Indian economy, as India's dependence on oil imports for meeting domestic consumption has increased from 55.4% in 1994-95 to 73% (Prov.) in 2006-07. However, the Government has adopted the principle of equitable burden sharing to protect the interests of common man and vulnerable sections of society. The Government is closely monitoring the international oil prices and will continue to protect the interests of consumers.

(c) The total import of crude oil during 2006-07 & 2007-08 (Apr.—Sept.) (provisional) and the price is as given below:

	Qty. in MMT	Price ($/bbl)
2006-07	111.502	59.20
2007-08 (Apr.—Sept.) (prov.)	60.614	66.40

Surplus capital with oil companies

†252. DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI:
SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that surplus capital is available with the oil companies functioning in public sector in the country;

(b) if so, the names of companies alongwith the amount of their surplus capital as on 31st March, 2007; and

(c) the amount of additional income earned by these companies out of this surplus in the year 2006-07?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI DINSHA J. PATEL): (a) to (c) Some Oil Public Sector Companies have reported that they have surplus capital/cash float for meeting the requirements of Project financing. The amount of surplus capital/cash float available with the oil PSUs as on 31st March, 2007 and the additional income earned on this capital by these companies in the financial year 2006-07 is as under:

(Rs. in crore)

	Surplus Capital/cash float (as on 31.3.07)	Income earned during 2006-07
ONGC	13643.00	975.53
OIL	3566.30	282.84
GAIL	2133.00	247.63
NRL	1309.34	9.77
EIL	975.35	65.08
Balmer Lawrie & Co. Ltd.	20.00	0.08

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.